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ENTERPRISE!

Flood in the Hill Country.

CATAWBA BOOMING

A Cloudburst in Caldwell-The Narrow Gnage Tracks Under Water-One of the Severest Aountain Preshets Within the Recollection of the Oldest Inhabitants.

LENGIR, Sept. 23.-The heaviest rainfall recorded here for years fell in the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock last night, most of which fell yesterday afternoon—the total measuring six inches. Great damage was done to streets and roads and many bridges were washed away. There was also a great loss of farm products along the small streams. The train due here at 2 p. m. came no further than Hickory last night and there have been no trains between these two points today. The water is reported within 8 feet of the floors of the Catawba river railroad bridge, which means about 25 test of water at that place. The C. & N. W. tracks between the river bridge and Cliffs, two miles, were reported about 4 feet under water this morning. The storm disappeared almost as rapidly, as it came. To-day is perfeet.

AN IRON BRIDGE GONE.

The Corn Crop in the Yadkin Valley Ruined -The River Migher Than Anybody Eyer

ROCKFORD, Sept. 23.—Heavy rains yesterday and last night caused the Yadkin river to rise rapidly until at noon to-day it was said by the oldest inhabitants to be the highest they ever saw it. Corn in the river bottoms is totally submerged and the whole crop is practically ruined. Every particle of hay and all kinds of feed are washed away. There were no trains or mail of any kind from Winston today. The Southern Railway track in many places is covered with water several feet deep. A house occupied by H. Hutchins, near the river, was washed away, and one of his children drowned, the rest of the family barely escaping with their lives. A Mr Moser, near Donnaba, was drowned this afternoon. His body has just been recovered. The large iron bridge over Fish river between Dobson and Mt. Airy, is washed away. Wires are down between here and Wilkesboro but more casualties will doubtless be reported to morrow. The river is falling but is still many feet high.

A WASHOUT NEAR UNION MILLS:

Streams High in Rutherford and Polk Coun-

RUTHERFORDTON, Sept. 23.-Yes terday was a wet day here. It rained harder than it has for many a year, and as a consequence the streams all over this section are very high. Reports from every part of this and Polk counties indicate that the streams are higher than they have been for many years, and that a very large amount of damage to the crops has resulted. A washout on the South Carolina & Georgia Railroad, near Union Mills, a station about nine miles north of this town, prevented the train from going to Marion last night. The damage is being repaired and it is thought that trains will pass on regular schedule to-night.

Preparations are being made for the Rutherford County Fair, which is to be held on October 26th, 27th and 28th. The officers will try to make this fair larger and better than ever

Captain Bell and quite a number of Company B, Second North Carolina the earthwork approaches were broken Regiment are home on a furlough. The boys are all looking well and talk as though they enjoyed their services.

FLED TO THE HILLS.

Mr. Weaver's Pamily Left Their Home to Escape Drowning.

MARION, Sept. 23.—The heaviest rain that we have had in 25 years fell here yesterday. The Catawba river has been on a boom and her waters have carried many stacks of fodder and hay. Some farmers say their crops are washed away. In some places the corn crops are covered up in mud.

The old Major Erwin house, where Mr. Alf. Weaver now lives, was surcaused him to take his family to the Virginia.

hill near by. This morning, after the water had gone down, Mr. Weaver went to his house and found that the water had been all over the floor, and the hearth under his stoye was washed away, causing the stove to fall through under the house.

Tom's creek, after being in its bed many years, is out, doing heavy damage to bottom land.

REV. A. W. SFTZER.

Another Preacher Gone Wrong. From the Union Populist.

An article signed by the above named Reverend gentleman addressed to Mr. Chas. M. Burris, Newton, N. C., Sept. 6, 1898, and taken from the Newton Enterprise has been going the rounds of the Democratic press of the State. If that gentleman wrote that article as published he has misrepresented the facts and the people among whom he came to preach the gospel of truth and salvation. Mr. Setzer nearly every night goes to the post office for his mail, and ought to know and does know the truth or falsity of the following quotation taken from his said letter.

"Ladies cannot go to the post office for mail, because a negro is in charge of that position."

Now Mr. G. B. King is postmaster at Greenville, is a white man, a Democrat and a Cleveland appointee, and his assistant is Mr. Jarvis Harding, a young white man, and they are in charge of that position. But for another quotation.

"White lady school teachers must go to negro school committeeman to have their vouchers signed."

Notice the language employed, ladies must go and etc. Now why must white teachers go to negro committeeman to sign their vouchers, unless they want to. There is sufficient white committeeman in every district to sign vouchers and we have yet to hear of a single white lady teacher going to a negro. But let us quote still further from this wonderful preacher letter:

"I have never gone into the Court House in Greenville that I did not see a jury half, or more than half, o whom were negroes."

What shall we say about this letter The records of the Court and jury list of this county will show that there is not now, nor has been for the past two years under Populist and Republican management any more negroes on the jury than under Democratic management, and never under either, more than half the jury negroes as seen by Mr. Setzer.

These are but samples of the misrepresentations made to outsiders about our town and county, but this last, and that from a preacher of Christ's gospel a teacher and examplar of truth, love and charity, of salvation and righteousness to come, this apostle sent from Catawba to Pitt to teach and preach religion not politics, "is stranger than fiction." Mr. Setzer wears glasses, they must magnify objects greatly, or he must see through his glasses darkly. A BAPTIST.

The Catawba Breaks the Record-A Log

Boom Broken. MORGANTON, Sept. 23.-The Catawba river, at Morganton, broke all previous flood records today. The rise at the iron bridge on the Quaker Meadow road was 23 feet, and the bridge was submerged to a depth of two feet. One of the steel spans was slightly damaged by the drift. The steel bridges on the Lenoir road over the Catawba and John's rivers were not injured, though at both bridges through by the flood. Great damage has been done to crops in the valley, and the river this morning was full of fodder and "tops." The boom of the Pitts Lumber Company, at Glen Alpine, was broken and a big lot of logs released. The county bridge over Silver Creek on the Asheville road, was washed away. Colonel T. G. Walton says the only flood approaching this was in 1824.

Had Typhoid Fever.

"My system was very much run down by typhoid fever. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and the effect was most invigorating. It gave me a new lease of life, and I have enjoyed good health ever since taking it, and have been able to follow my usual business." rounded by water and the waves J. A. Conner, Jr., Rockbridge Baths,

THE DEMOCRATIC POLICY.

GEN. COX GIVES IT AWAY AND THEN DENIES IT.

Prominent Democrats in the State "Say the Same Thing.

The Washington Post of September 2nd contained an interview with Gen, Cox declaring it to be the policy of the Democratic party in North Carolina to adopt methods similar to the South Carolina, Louisiana, and Mississippi election laws. This went unchallenged until the 11th of September when Gen. Cox under the pressure of the Democratic State Executive Committee published the following denial

"My attention has been called to the following card wyich I am informed is being circulated by the Re publican State Committee."

"Read and Take Warning! Gen. Wm. R. Cox Secretary of the United States Senate in an interview published in the Washington Post, Sept 2nd, 1898, giving away the secrets of the Democratic policy in North Carolina in the following words: "With a return of the Democrats to power in North Carolina, I think it is safe to predict that measures will be adopted. as they have been in South Carolina. Louisiana and Mississippi, looking to the elimination of a large per cent of the ignorant and purchasable vote." Gen. Cox is the author of the cele brated telegram. "Hold Robeson and saye the State."

"The language employed and the idea conveyed is that of the interviewer, and not my own. I made no such statement as contained in the quoted extract.

"In the hotel Corridor, the interviewer was stating to me the contents of an article in the Atlanta Constitution, in regard to the deplorable political condition in North Carolina.

"In preparing the interview, after leaving me, from which the above purports to be an extract, together with other interviews for the Post, the reporter evidently fell into the error of confounding what was passing in his mind, with what was said by me I was not familiar with the election laws of the State referred to, but did know the Constitution of North Carolina expressly forbids the Legislature from passing any laws disfranchising any individual or class of persons. And even should the Legislature be disposed to do so, it would be prevented by our Constitution.

"WM. R. Cox." (Signed) His ignorance of the Mississippi election law is sublime. When this denial appeared it was called to the attention of Mr. E. B. Smith, a Democrat, and reporter for the Washington Post who wrote the interview, and he gave the following letter, which is now at Republican Headquarters:

'The Washington Post

Washington, D. C., Sept. 13, '98 "Dear Sir:-In an interview published with Gen. Wm. R. Cox, appear ing in the Washington Post of Sept 2nd, written by me, he is quoted as saying that if the Democrats return to power in North Carolina it is safe to predict that measures will be adopted as they have been in other States looking to a restriction of the franchise by eliminating a large per cent. of the ignorant and purchasable vote. I will say about this that while I do not declare that they were the exact words of Gen. Cox, yet I am absolutely sure that in sentiment they accurately represent his conversation with me, and I was greatly surprised at his denial of their authen-Very truly, ticity. (Signed) "E. B. SMITH."

What says Gen. Cox to this!

Abundant proof can be furnished that Gen. Cox voiced the policy of the Democratic party in this State. We copy from the Charlotte Observer of July 24th, 1898, the following editorial:

"THE MISSISSIPPI LAW VALID." "It is worthy of note that the Supreme Court of the United States has rendered a decision sustaining the validity of the Mississippi election law, which was designed to protect the State from a vicious and illiterate element. The law debars all illiterate voters and the Supreme Court holds to blacks it is Constitutional.

striction among other qualifications, improved condition in the local govrelief from a peculiar and unjust sys- over." tem of franchise, but will prove an educational stimulant.

since the war it has been the regular Incompetency. mismanagement or order for the intelligent vote to be killed by the vicious vote. The man of property influence who has a standing in his community, and who has an interest in good local government, and who drops in the ballot of a safe and conservative citizen has always done so with a consciousness that right along behind him may come worthless loafers, a trifling illiterate character, who cannot read the ballot in his hand who is perhaps just out of have been for but one. Attention the Penitentiary or off the chain gang, yet whose vote annuls the one that went before.

The South has endured this condition of affairs so long that it has ceased to be a matter of comment, and has been accepted as a matter of fact. Protest ceased years ago because it was found that protests were in vain, but this decision of the Supreme Court shows that there is relief ahead if our people desire to secure it in the way indicated."

The men of property and influence, according to this editorial, should publican-Populist management of alone have the right of suffrage, yet | Chatham county affairs also: the Charlotte Observer in its issue of Sept. 15th, 1898, undertakes to sustain Gen. Cox in his denial.

Chairman Simmons in his speech at Wilkesboro, on the 15th of August last, outlining the Democratic policy, in full accord with Gen. Cox's interview as also did Heriot Clarkson, the Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives in Mecklenburg, recently declared the same things in Charlotte publicly. Hon. C. B. Watson, Democratic candidate for Governor in 1896, made substantially the same statement to a prominent Populist in the Supreme Court Library last

Beyond controversy the Democratic policy will be, if they get control of the Legislature to return to the "bullpens and other fraudulent methods to impose by constitutional amendment an educational with other qualifications, upon the right of suffrage and restore their ring rule in this State.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty! Let no man be deceived by their hypocrasy and crocodile tears they are profusely sheding. The man of property and influence can always take care of himself, but the laboring masses should hold to the ballot for self protection. The policy of the Democratic party strikes down the poor and illiterate white and colored votes alike.—Union Republican.

Wilful Neglect of Official Duty.

In 116, North Carolina reports, page 1,003 we find the following: "Indictment against W. H. Hatch and others, County Commissioners, for wilful neg lect of official duty." It appears from the report that a verdict of "guilty" was rendered in the Superior Court and on appeal the decision was affirmed in the Supreme Court, Judge Clark rendering the decision.

This occurred in Chatham county in 1895 and the board of county commissioners against whom the charge was made and confirmed in both courts were Democrats.

The Republican press generally has not been in the habit of calling the attention of the public to crimes of this nature committed by Democratic make gross insinuations against the Republican and Populist officials generally all over the State, (no proof of any specific case given,) and then hold themselves up before the people as "spotless" and insist on a "return" to 'good government," it becomes our duty to "open" a few of the "books" and let the people see some facts.

While we are on Chatham county affairs it might be well to turn to the record and inspect some other little matters. In this same year, 1895, when the Democratic Superintendent of Public instruction went out of office in June, he called his board of education together and made a "final that as it applies to white as well as settlement" and turned over his books to the Treasurer. The people rather This means that a State has the thought that some money ought to right to impose an educational re- have been "turned over" also, and

finally, after about seven months had and the decision opens the way to an passed hay decided to make an investigation and it was found that the exernment of many Southern communi- Superintendent owed the school fund ties, for it will not only bring about \$382 41. The money was then "turned

The year immediately preceding this, 1894, a Democratic Clerk of the At every election held in the South | Superior Court went out of office. something else caused him to be unable to ruake a financial settlement with his successor, and after three years of kind indulgence with him it was decided that suit should be entered against him. The "settlement" was then made.

In a settlement with a Democratic Sheriff in this county he was credited with an item of \$1,025.70 for two different years, when it ought not to was called to this matter and an explanation demanded, plausible explanation could not be given. The money was then turned over to the Treasurer.

After taking this slight glimpse at the record, in which only two years are involved, and taking a conservative view of the whole affair what do you think of the "good government" party, and what do you think of "returning" to "good government?" But it will be an injustice to our readers if we do not call attention to the Re-

To begin with, no officer has been indicted for crime, mismanagement or incompetency. But on the other handthe people generally of Chatham county claim, we get from good authority, that they have as good county officers as are to be found in the

The first year they took charge of the county finances they spent \$1,927.-90 less on general county expenses alone than their Democratic predecessors the last year they were in

In addition to the fact that there were sixty-eight public schools added when the present officials came into power, the per capita was raised to \$1.20 the greatest apportionment ever made in Chatham county; and the expenses of the Supervisor for the year ending July 1, 1898, is upon an average \$75,00 less than those of the Superintendent under Democratic rule.

We cannot follow further the record of the county but the above is a substantial showing. The present office encombents of Chatham county have a clean record from the start go and the records bear them out in the fact that they have saved more than a thousand dollars in cash to the tax payers of the county and at the same time spending a good deal of money for public improvements, and in the way of roads etc., and increasing the per capita of public school children.

These are stubborn facts in the face of the Democratic calamity howlers. Wherever we have had occasion to look into the record of any county we find that in the matter of competency and strict performance of duty the Republican-Populist officials show a high average above Democratic officials, and the amounts of hard earned money which have been saved to the tax payers are in many instances enormous. The "books" must "be opened" and the people must know the facts.-Union Republican.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, all medical treatment that money could proofficials but since it has become the cure, tried all cough remedies be could policy of the Democratic party to bear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at Shuford Drug Co.'s Drug

> Senator Kyle, of South Dakota. was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Cleveland,

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